

## REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 13-25 have been canceled, claims 7-12 have been previously withdrawn and new claims 26-29 have been added. The Examiner has stated that claims 18, 20 and 21 are allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants note that new claim 26 includes the elements and features of canceled claims 18, 17, 15 and 6. Claim 27 includes the elements and features of canceled claim 19. Claim 28 includes the elements and features of canceled claim 20. Claim 29 includes elements and features of canceled claim 21.

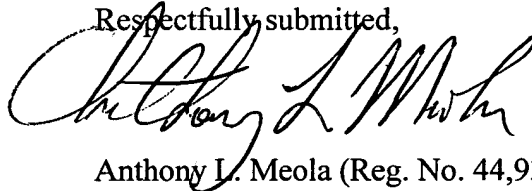
Thus, claims 26-29 are pending with claim 26 being the independent claim. It is believed that the above amendment now places the application in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and that the above amendment places the application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony L. Meola', is written over the typed name below.

Anthony L. Meola (Reg. No. 44,936)

Date: March 22, 2005

KELLEY DRYE & WARREN LLP  
101 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10178  
(212) 808-7911